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Letter dated 23 March 2012 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly

I would like to inform you that two vacancies will occur in the United Nations Dispute Tribunal as from 30 June 2012, including one full-time judge (New York) and one half-time judge (rotating between Geneva, Nairobi and New York), and that one vacancy for an ad litem judge (New York) has already occurred.

The vacancies for the full-time judge and the half-time judge will occur owing to the conclusion of the respective three-year terms of the incumbents, Judge Memooda Ebrahim-Carstens (full-time) and Judge Goolam Hoosen Kader Meeran (half-time), on 30 June 2012. The vacancy for the ad litem judge occurred because Judge Marilyn J. Kaman declined, for personal reasons, to accept the extension of her appointment for an additional six-month period, from 1 July to 31 December 2011, which was approved by the General Assembly in its decision 65/251. I therefore wish to draw your attention to the need for the Assembly to appoint judges to fill the three vacancies in the United Nations Dispute Tribunal.

The Internal Justice Council, which was mandated by the General Assembly in paragraph 37 (b) of its resolution 62/228 to provide its views and recommendations to the Assembly on two or three candidates for each judicial vacancy, has prepared reports (A/66/664 and Add.1) identifying qualified candidates for each vacancy, to which I hereby draw your attention. In its reports, the Internal Justice Council sets forth candidates for all of the above-mentioned positions for consideration.

In this connection, I would be grateful if you would present the reports of the Internal Justice Council (A/66/664 and Add.1) to the General Assembly for its consideration and action.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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